



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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Dear Fellow Virginians:

Governor Mark Warner and I are launching the 2005 Stewardship Virginia fall campaign from September 1 through October 31, 2005. Stewardship Virginia is a campaign to encourage volunteers to participate in a specific group of tangible projects that will contribute to conserving Virginia's landscapes, improving water quality and providing for improved recreational opportunities, and enhancing fisheries and wildlife.

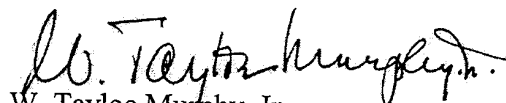
Citizens, businesses, and service groups across the Commonwealth are encouraged to become involved by adopting streams, planting buffers, improving wildlife habitat, and participating in educational and recreational programs. The campaign will encourage these types of stewardship activities and those that can be conducted in communities, parks, and in your own neighborhood.

Virginia's natural resource agencies and others will participate in these efforts, and the Governor will thank participants with personal certificates of appreciation. Given your commitment to wise stewardship, I am asking you to identify and undertake one or more projects and to register your event or activity with Stewardship Virginia so we can recognize your contribution to improving the environment. Or, if you prefer, volunteer for one of the projects sponsored by our Natural Resource agencies. You can find a list of them at [www.dcr.Virginia.gov/stewardship](http://www.dcr.Virginia.gov/stewardship).

Virginia's landscapes and waterways are important for their ecological value, scenic beauty, and recreational opportunities. If you or your organization would like to participate in Stewardship Virginia, complete the attached registration form and mail or fax it to the address listed. I am indebted to the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, which has taken a leadership role in this campaign. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Bonnie Phillips with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation at 804-786-5056.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

  
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Attachment